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PRICE THREE CENTS



## Facts Without Whitewashing

We can keep on telling you a life-time long how good our goods are, and at what low prices we sell them at, but unless you have tried our CLOTHING and found it more satisfactory than others, our efforts to convince you will be in vain.

Our Spring Goods are coming in, and next week will see the end of the following low prices.

### Men's and Young Men's

#### Overcoats

Unexampled offerings of good clothes at January prices. Here are the straight statements of fact:

Men's Melton Greatcoats, 52 inches long; Belt and Tourist Coats; \$15 and \$18 garments of all-wool fancy Scotch goods; year-end sale, \$12.50; worth up to \$18.00.



Men's 52-inch all-wool Frieze Greatcoats, serge lined; 46 and 48-inch Melton Box Coats and 52-inch all-wool Fancy Belt Overcoats; year-end sale..... \$10.00  
\$5.00 for \$7.50 and \$8.50 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$10.00.  
\$7.50 for \$10 and \$12 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be \$15.

### Men's and Young Men's

#### Suits

Men's Custom Tailored Worsteds Suits, double and single breasted; year-end sale..... \$10.00

Youths' all-wool Black and Fancy Suits; year-end sale..... \$6.00

Youths' 50-inch Melton Overcoats and all-wool Fancy Belt Coats; year-end sale..... \$6.00

Youths' Black Thibet and Fancy Worsteds Suits; year-end sale..... \$5.00

Youths' 5-inch Black and Oxford Frieze Overcoats and Fancy Single and Double-Breasted Tourist Coats; year-end sale..... \$8.00

Children's all-wool Blue Cheviot Eton Suits, sizes 3 to 8, and Double-Breasted and Norfolk Suits, sizes 8 to 16; year-end sale..... \$1.95

Children's all-wool Russian Overcoats, sizes 3 to 8, and Oxford Melton Box Coats, sizes 8 to 16; year-end sale..... \$2.95

Children's Eton Suits, Russian Suits, 3 to 10, Double-Breasted Suits, Double-Breasted Suits and Three-Piece Suits, 8 to 16; year-end sale..... \$4.95

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### Men's Women's and Children's Shoes

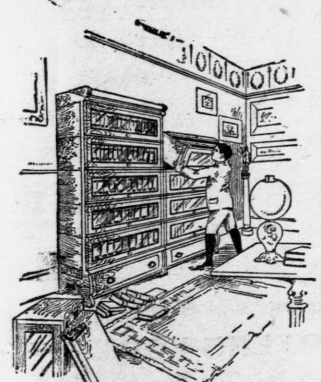
We handle a fine line of Shoes in every conceivable style and price, it will pay you to give us a call and see if this statement is not so. It would be impossible to describe this large stock as our advertising is limited. If you call and inspect them personally you will see what we claim is absolutely correct.

## THE GLOBE CLOTHING STORE

S. M. ROSENBERG, PROP.

MIDDLETOWN, - DELAWARE

### SECTIONAL Bookcases



The man who has only a dozen books needs a bookcase, but he doesn't need one that will take up the whole side of his room. The "Y and E" Sectional Bookcase may be adapted to any space and is easy to move—simply detach the sections—a boy can put them up. I am sole agent for this section.

General line of FURNITURE. CARPETS, WINDOW SHADES, UPHOLSTERING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

Funeral Director and EMBALMER.

J. H. EMERSON, Middletown, Delaware.

## Planting Time

IS ALMOST HERE

AND YOU WILL SOON BE BUYING A SUPPLY OF

### NEW Seeds.

Before buying elsewhere it will pay you to stop and see us, look over our stock of Seeds, and get our price list. Following is a partial list of the many varieties which we handle:

"Sugar Marrowfat" and "First and Best" PEAS.  
"Rust Proof Wax" and "Early Red Valentine" BEANS.  
"Ford's" MAMMOTH LIMA BEANS.  
"Stowell's" EVERGREEN CORN.  
ONION SETS—Both kinds, White and Yellow.

A Few Other Articles to Which we Wish to Call Your Attention.

Smoked Herring, 15c doz. Best Sour Kroul, 5c qt  
White Potatoes, 25c bask. Nice Little Fat Mackerel, 5c  
8c per peck.  
Boneless Cod Fish, 8c lb. Fresh Fish, 12 and 15c lb  
Best Buckwheat, 3c per lb.

Remember, we always carry a full line of FRESH and SALT MEATS and STAPLE and FANCY GROCERIES.

At the Corner Store, occupied by

Leon de Valinger

Pennington Building Middletown, Del.

### AN ODE TO THE DELAWARE

BY EDNA ROSELYN TOWNE

Pretty river! famous river! gently flow  
your waters bright.  
And your sparkling ripples ripple in  
the autumn sunbeam's light.  
Breaking through wild mountain passes,  
from the noble Empire State;  
Ripping down a smiling valley, with  
its villages sedate.  
Gleaming teeming city's spires in your  
bosom clear and wide;  
Passing grand historic places by our  
heroes glorified,  
'Mid a scene of shifting beauty on each  
passing bank so fair;  
Queened of all our stately rivers is the  
grand old Delaware.

When our country's wounds were gaping,  
in the hour of dismal fray,  
With the hireling camped beside you in  
the cruel desert's pay;  
On your chilled, though friendly bosom,  
cowering the desperate foe;  
On your banks the Lord stood with us,  
and our patriot forefathers won,  
And that moment saw the turning of  
the desperate tide of strife.  
For your icy flood had carried strength  
into our Nation's life.  
Yea, forever consecrated, while our  
standard waves in air,  
Shall be twined the names of Trenton  
and thine own, proud Delaware.

To their river, "Father Tiber," ancient  
Romans used to pray.  
For their vengeful God of Waters to shed  
glory on each fray;  
But thy beautiful shining bosom sweep-  
ing onward to the sea  
Shall be glad with the praises of a  
Nation proud and free.  
Peerless river! smiling river! with bright  
spheres on your banks are dressed,  
And the ceaseless pulse of commerce  
ever swells your glorious breast.  
For that stream that saw our morning  
now beholds our noon so fair;  
Blessed river of our Nation! ever famous  
Delaware.

### THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY

Little Paragraphs That Will Interest Every Member of the Household

#### USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Hot, strong whitewash on wall is light, sweet and cheap.

Don't expect to get the best profits out of horse raising unless you raise the best class.

Good roads means good farms, good going, good prices, good neighbors and good times.

Map the farm and mark the year that each crop was in a certain field; record the yield. It becomes interesting.

It costs no more per pound to raise a colt than a steer, and the right kind of colt will sell for four times as much.

There is no better or cheaper way to grow hogs than to pasture them on alfalfa. One acre will pasture from 10 to 20 hogs.

There is no difference between being turned out once or moving three times, as the old saying goes, and it still "goes" with us.

Drunkards from Eastern States have brought 2,000 acres of farming land in Glenn County, California, and will settle there with their families.

Eighty-four million pounds of sugar reached New York from the West Indies and South America in one day last week. Louisiana should take notice.

A small city boy was much astonished to see the cow milked again in the morning. "Well," he said, "I thought you emptied her all out last night."

It is always better to have a flock of sheep on a farm than a mortgage. In fact, the sheep will help to drive a mortgage off a farm, just as they will the weeds.

Do not despise your plodding, dust-covered neighbor, my young gilt-edged farmer; he may work long and hard at his trade, and on pay-day draw more money than you earn in half a year.

Hens like to lay in a rather dark nest, the opening of which is hidden from view. If box nests with the opening toward the wall are placed in the poultry house, very few hens will steal their nests in the open-of-the-way places.

The government distributes bacteria so you can inoculate soil for clover, alfalfa, soy beans, or cowpeas. Write to A. F. Woods, Washington, D. C., and state which crop you wish to grow and you can get the bacteria that will aid in growing that crop.

How do our farmers account to themselves for the fact that hardly ten per cent. of their grain grades number two, when they sell it and yet ninety-five per cent. of the grain going out of Chicago grades number two?

It isn't exactly healthy for a team to be rushed through every day of the week ahead of the plow or harrow, then be driven all over the neighborhood in search of a "good time" for the driver. Remember it isn't "a good time" for the team.

Nearly every farm hand thinks that he is receiving the smallest wages of any branch of labor. However, the hand that is getting \$16 per month with board, washing and the keeping of his horse, is better paid than the bookkeeper, the clerk or the tradesman who gets \$40 per month and has to pay his board and laundry out of this.

Texas is not only destined to make rice so cheap and plenty in this country that, as in China, it will supersede wheat as the staff of life, but it is also to become the greatest silk producer of the world. To this end a great Japanese colony of silk growers is about to be planted in southwestern Texas. A splendid tract of land has been procured and already the first installment of Japanese, consisting of 500 skilled silk growers, are on their way and will be ready to go to work during the coming summer.

The plot thickens in Santo Domingo. With the failure of the Santo Domingo treaty in the Senate the Big an government considers that it is lost and that it is now a time for each country to grab what it can to protect itself from losses. As a fact though the State Department has not given up all hope of the treaty and it will probably be pressed at the next session of Congress. During the summer an investigation of conditions in Santo Domingo will be made and as much information as possible collected for guidance of Congress next Fall. The work is in charge of Professor Holland who was at one time Secretary of the Treasury of Porto Rico and he will make a personal visit to the island for the purpose of supplying the government with information concerning the financial condition of the country.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Short Pungent Paragraphs Gathered Here and There

Dressmakers' bills are the root of many divorce suit evils.

It takes a man longer to make a garden than it takes an old hen to un-make it.

George B. Cortelyou, formerly secretary to the president is now postmaster general.

Abraham Lincoln at the age of twenty-two simply knew how to read, write and cipher.

It is said 100,000,000 people in Russia are suffering on account of not being able to obtain enough food.

Sometimes a man loses his job because he doesn't know enough, and sometimes because he knows too much.

Calvin J. Wadsworth, of Saginaw, Mich., has invented or discovered a process whereby gasoline may be rendered non-explosive.

More than 100 samples of quack medicine were analyzed by the police, and over 80 per cent. were of absolutely no medical value.

A snuff manufacturing concern reports net earnings of \$2,458,419 for the year 1904. A business like that is not lightly sneezed at.

Dr. Guthrie discovered chloroform while practicing medicine at Jewettsville, N. Y. He also fired the first cannon ever fired by percussion power.

The newest substance for prolonging life is called vagrant, which looks like cream cheese gone bad, and tastes similarly. Give us the shorter life.

Illinois loses every year at least 8,000 people from tuberculosis, most of them dying in the active period of life and after being disabled for several years.

Uncle Sam was recently handed a check for \$12,000 which some sinner who had repented had defrauded the government out of long ago. Wish he owed an account at this office.

It creates an uneasy, apprehensive feeling in a fellow with a weak back and an antipathy toward the spade and rake to see his wife looking over garden seed catalogues and making copious notes on the margin.

Notwithstanding Roosevelt's repeated warning of race suicide, bachelor clubs for both sexes still thrive and flourish—indeed, and will fully ignore the President's veiled command of "Get together."

Thirty-five years ago W. H. Newman was a brakeman on a southern railroad at \$2 a day; to-day he is president of the great Vanderbilt system, with a salary of \$250,000 a year, a palatial residence in New York and a private car so sumptuously appointed that a king might envy it.

There are times when a dollar bill goes farther than a wagon load of sympathy.

French chemistry has produced a plausible imitation of the ordinary egg of commerce. The shell is made with a blow pipe by a combination of lime and bismuth. The white is made from sulphur, carbon and beef fat and yolk with beef blood and magnesium colored with chrome yellow.

There is a movement extending all over this country to put an end once for all to the disgusting and unhealthful practice of expectorating in the streets and public conveyances, and though the penalty may seem severe in some cases it is the only means, evidently of stamping out this pernicious habit.

Much has been said at various times about Roosevelt's luck. Good fortune attended his efforts. He was especially fortunate in being born with a good mind and a remarkably rugged body, but this is not enough to account for his success in life. He has wisely and carefully hunched his energies both physical and mental and his every act has been clean and honorable. This is the real secret of his marvelous "luck."

It is asserted that a change is contemplated in the form of money orders issued by the postoffice department. This is deemed advisable on account of the large numbers of forgeries recently committed by a St. Louis drug clerk, whose operations during the past few months have amounted to \$5,500. Swindlers purchase orders for small sums and then erase the amount by means of chemicals and refill the blank to suit their will. The old blank with marginal tear-off made such swindles impossible.

Gen. El. F. Jones of Binghamton, N. Y., former Lieut-Governor, the "Jones he pays the freight" so well known to the business world, and well remembered in Massachusetts as the Colonel of the famous 6th regiment in its memorable march through Baltimore at the outbreak of the civil war,—is blind at the age of 77 years. He has learned to knit and a year ago, he finished a novel. He has a typewriter for the blind, and has a watch with which he can tell the time.

Don't snub a boy because he wears shabby clothes. When Edison, the inventor of the telephone, entered Boston, he wore a pair of linen breeches in the depth of winter. Don't snub a boy because his house is plain and unpretending. Abraham Lincoln's early home was in a log cabin. Don't snub a boy because of the ignorance of his parents. Shakespeare, the worlds greatest poet, was the son of a man who was not able to write his own name. Don't snub a boy because he chooses a humble trade. The author of "Pilgrim's Progress" was a tinker. Don't snub a boy because of a physical disability. Milton was blind. Don't snub a boy because of dullness in his lessons. Hogarth, the celebrated painter and engraver was a stupid boy at books. Don't snub anybody. Not only because some day he may outstrip you in the race of life, but because it is neither kind, nor right, nor christian-like.

Exhibiting the sale of beef that has been treated with dexteros preservatives or adulterants.

Four bills relating to the government of the town of Newark and its utilities.

Prohibiting the obstruction of drainage ditches with trimmings from hedges or fences rows.

Creating a department of supplies consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer.

Regulating the expenditure of contingent funds.

Exempting charitable day nurseries for babies and charitable Young Women's Christian Associations from city or county taxes in this State.

Authorizing the Levy Court of New Castle county to pay \$500 annually to the

## BILLS PASSED BY ASSEMBLY

### Governor Lea Has Thirty Days to Sign Bills

#### THE MORE IMPORTANT ONES

Governor Lea will shortly begin this consideration of the bills that were passed by the recent Legislature and which await his approval. He has thirty days in which to sign the measures or allow them to go by default. The more important of the bills are:

For the commitment of long-term prisoners (serving six months and longer from Kent and Sussex Counties to the New Castle County workhouse taking effect January, 1907.

Amendment to the constitution abolishing the dollar registration fee. (Requires the concurrence of the Legislature two years hence.)

Establishing a morgue and superintendent for New Castle County. (Superintendent to get \$1,000 a year.)

Appropriating \$15,000 for Delaware College and \$6,000 for State College for Colored Students.

Authorizing a stenographer for the Court of Chancery. (\$800 a year.)

Re-enacting and revising the Insurance laws.

Returning \$55,000 to John B. Wharton trustee, and the Delaware Electric Railway Company.

Amending the law for the protection of birds and their nests.

Renewing the charter of the Ferris Industrial School.

Enabling unaturalized persons to acquire title to real estate in Delaware.

Changing the opening of the reed bird season to September 1st.

Authorizing special constables, to be appointed by the governor, for individuals, firms or corporations.

Regulate the use of automobiles and motor vehicles.

New charter for the Wilmington Board of Education.

Authorizing the Board of Education to borrow \$10,000 annually for the next seven years.

Ratifying a compact settling the Delaware-New Jersey boundary dispute.

Appointing William S. Hilles, Walter H. Hayes and Alexander B. Cooper commissioners on the part of Delaware to act with commissioners on the part of New Jersey in drafting uniform fisheries laws.

Three bill repealing the good roads law and enacting good roads laws for New Castle, Kent and Sussex counties, separately.

Increasing the court stenographer's salary to \$2,000 a year.

Regulating the practice of chiropody.

Placing the making of new indices in New Castle County offices in charge of the resident judge and Levy Court.

Increasing the attorney-general's salary.

Making illegitimate children heirs of their mothers.

Appropriating \$700 for the relief of indigent soldiers and sailors.

Refunding to New Castle County the Adams tax money turned over by it to the State.

Authorizing the borrowing of \$100,000 by the Street and Sewer Department of Wilmington.

Exempting Grand Army Veterans from paying peddler's licenses.

Bill for the relief of Stewart & Donahoe for building the Middletown-Odessa road.

For the protection of telephone companies against the use of their systems by fraud or false pretenses.

Increasing the fire test for illuminating oils.

For the protection of the natural oyster beds.

For the protection of holly trees and saplings.

Exempting leased pianos and organs from attachment or execution process for rent.

Appropriating \$1,000 for the Daughters of American Revolution memorial at Washington.

Requiring Industrial insurance companies to pay for license for their agents.

Increasing the salaries of future governors to \$4,000 a year.

Anti-child labor bill.

Requiring the trustees of the State hospital at Farnhurst to turn money from the board of patients into the State treasury.

Regulating the admission of insane patients from Wilmington into the Delaware State Hospital.

### Delaware and Homeopathic Hospitals of Wilmington.

General bill for the appointment of notaries public by the governor.

Enlarging the maximum penalty of twenty years for attempt to commit rape.

Enlarging the maximum penalty to twenty years for attempt to commit murder.

Authorizing the Federal government to acquire land adjoining Fort duPont for military purposes.

Appointing six commissioners for the collection and preservation of certain public records.

Requiring election booths in Wilmington hereafter to be opened between the hours of 7 and 7:30 o'clock in the morning.

Bill to prohibit the sale of impure foods.

Renewal of the act to encourage immigration into Delaware.

For the protection of railroads, railways and their employees against obstructing or tampering with their equipment and also prescribing penalties for the running of cars and trains.

Prohibiting non-members from wearing the badge of any secret society.

Abolishing corporal punishment in the public schools of the State.

Requiring the New Castle County Levy Court to pay 25 cents daily for each inmate in the Delaware Industrial School for Girls.

Abolishing the pillory as an instrument of punishment.

Prescribing penalties for the use of explosives by burglars.

Regulating the sale of liquor by druggists.

Prohibiting the destruction of trees by telephone companies.

### OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

A woman with a secret to tell never can forgive another woman who already knows it.

The only reason some women have for getting married is merely to avoid becoming old maids.

Rattan furniture can be cleaned with salt water. If salt is put in the water the rattan will not turn yellow.

Mrs. Frederic Schoff, has been re-elected president of national congress of mothers. She is from New York and has seven children. She has held this office since 1902.

W. H. Kenney, head of the college of oratory of Boston, predicts that American girls will be "soft voiced" before many years. The telephone is going to bring this about.

Skirts are quite a little fuller around the feet, and if you can discover a new way to increase that fullness still more you will be beating Dame Fashion at her own tricks.

Don't speak with all the muscles of the face. It is very charming and captivating to be deeply, deeply in earnest, but facial grimaces form creases which in time become wrinkles.

A milliner's advice to her patrons is to observe the effect of a hat sitting as well as standing. Sometimes a hat is too large for a seated figure when it does very well while the wearer is standing. No one wants to lose in effect by a change of posture, any more than she wants to wear a hat that is becoming in front and hideous in the back.

For thirty-eight years a woman has kept the light of Santa Barbara. The light-house is situated about two miles southwest of Santa Barbara, on a low point of land, the light being 178 feet above the sea.

It is funny to see the same people who one year ago were preaching health and straight fronts now lacing their victims into wasp shapes with equally honest and ungrammatical enthusiasm.

Will the average woman wear a short-sleeved tailor dress? Street dresses with their sleeves chopped off in the neighborhood of the elbows have long been counted modish in Paris, but New York has fought shy of them.

Recent statistics give the number of women employed on Russian railway lines as 22,000. The average salary paid to each of them amounts to only \$65 a year, although a few of them acting as express clerks receive as high as \$230.

Professor Osler has further distinguished himself by advising Canada to put an export tax of \$100 on every marriageable Canadian maid. He also said every such girl was worth a thousand dollars. They are in the habit of leaving Canada and coming over to this country to find husbands.

And it happened once upon a time that a woman going on in years allowed herself to become envious, jealous and resentful. She didn't see the end, for after awhile she grew worse. She accused those who would be her friends of stealing from her, trusted no one, watched every one with suspicion, and in the end she was alone.

Those who would help her, till finally the courts were called in and declared that she was insane. Ever think, those of you who are "going the sour way," that suspicion of others is an insane germ? Perhaps if people who are becoming sour would treat their hearts as they would a room and open the doors and windows occasionally, they would not have a friendless and forsaken old age.

### WASHINGTON

April 6th is the date on which will be run the next Personally-Conducted Tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad to Washington.

This tour will cover a period of three days, affording ample time to visit all the principal points of interest at the National Capital, including the Congressional Library and the new Corcoran Art Gallery. Rates, covering railroad transportation for the round trip and hotel accommodations, \$13.00 or \$10.50 from Trenton, and proportionate rates from other points, according to hotel selected. Rates cover accommodations at hotel for two days. Special side trip to Mount Vernon.

All tickets good for ten days, with special hotel rates after expiration of hotel coupon.

Similar tours will be run on April 24th and May 18th.

For itineraries and full information apply to Ticket Agents or address George W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

THE inaugural ceremonies held on the Fourth of March have claimed another distinguished victim in Don Manuel de Azpiroz, the Mexican Ambassador to this country. While on the East front of the Capitol during the Inauguration the Ambassador was taken with a severe chill and to-day he died. The Doctors in attendance from the first held out no hope of recovery and his government has been notified. Senator Bates of Tennessee died a few days after the Inauguration as a result of exposure on that inclement day, and the prostration of Secretary of State Hay is attributed to the same cause. A number of prominent men, among them Senator Foster of Louisiana experienced severe and continuing attacks of grippe after Inauguration day and the number of less conspicuous victims of the exposure will never be known. The sacrifice of lives on this occasion should at least have the benefit of preventing another Inauguration as early in the season as the Fourth of March. In times of war men may die gladly for their country but it is criminal martyrs in times of peace and rejoicing. Congress should



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### PARTY UNITY?

The Union Republican Committee of the City of Wilmington has unanimously decided in favor of one ticket for the approaching municipal election. This action practically assures a Republican Mayor and a Republican City Council, and promises Wilmington what it has not had for four years, an honest, business management. The Democratic Ring of that city, has proven its utter incapacity to furnish such a government, not so much by what it has done, as by what it has left undone. The failure to enforce the collection of taxes, long past due, has forced Council to use the surplus of the Water Department, which was intended as a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds of the City as they mature, to defray current expenses. In spite of this makeshift every one of the four years has been closed with salaries and other bills unpaid, and a floating debt of from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

But the action of the Union Republican City Committee is of interest to the Republicans of the State in a broader sense. The quarrels of the city Republicans have always caused great trouble in the arriving at common primaries and one ticket in this county and in the state. It was this that delayed the securing of a single ticket in this county last fall until it became necessary to adopt the "sticker" provision of the law for two of the offices. The agreement in the municipal campaign will smooth the way for party unity in the next state campaign and it is reasonably certain that if the party can be gotten together in 1906, there will be no further splits—at least in this generation. It was feared that the failure to elect a Senator might present a serious stumbling block, but the Union Republican leaders of Wilmington are evidently as desirous of reaching a settlement of our factional differences as the Republican organization has always been. The two factions have too long been kept apart by personal ambitions. The desire of any one or two men to be elected Senator has no part in a city election, and the sooner this fact is acknowledged the more chance of a harmonious party. We feel encouraged by the action already taken, and hope that nothing may occur to prevent its consummation.

### THE TERMS OF PEACE

"Peace, it is clear, will depend upon whether Japan is ready to stand by the purpose for which it began war, the relief of China and Chinese territory from Russian pressure and occupation, or will insist upon crippling Russia in the East and on the Pacific by an indemnity and the cession of territory.

"China and the millions of China are the real issues of this war. If Manchuria and the Chinese Empire can, as Secretary Hay has proposed, be 'neutralized,' placed under guard of all the Powers and set apart from all future aggression, absorption or conquest, civilization will have taken a great march forward towards universal peace and the hostilities closed now will not be reopened. No Power will venture to touch China once so protected.

"Such a peace would command the admiration and the support of the world. If on the other hand, an indemnity and territorial cession are demanded by Japan, Russia will be left as certain a generation hence to reappear on the Amour as Russia, turned back from the Danube in 1856, was certain to reappear there in 1878 with a victorious army.—Philadelphia Press.

### PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

"President Roosevelt has a way of doing things suddenly, as they appear, and thus he is charged with being impetuous. His latest surprise—although it should not be considered as such—appeared on Wednesday when he asked for the resignations of the seven gentlemen who have comprised the board of Panama canal commissioners. There had been rumors and all sorts of stories respecting the unsatisfactory condition of affairs as among the commissioners, and Secretary Taft went to Panama to look over the ground.

"No doubt as the result of his

visit, the President summarily called for the resignations of the commissioners. No explanations were made and there was nothing told the public save the fact that the board as it has existed for about one year had ceased to exist. Another board is to be named, and those who profess to know declare that only two of the old board will be selected as members of the new body. One of these gentlemen is said to be Mr. W. B. Parsons, the engineer, who planned the great subway work in New York city.

"It must be taken that the President is not satisfied with the work done by the board he named himself when the canal project was put in shape for beginning operations. And it is to be taken that the forced retirement of the commissioners is a reflection upon them in a general sense. They are all known as men of capacity, and most of them have reputations for exceptional skill in their respective callings. Yet even this fact was not sufficient to make the board what the President expected it to be. There may have been a lack of something that stood in the way of the proper progress of the work, and the President has certainly been impressed with the necessity of doing something drastic. He has not acted in haste, as would be supposed. He has heard Secretary Taft's report, and he has no doubt been placed in possession of information of a private character. When the situation was made clear to his mind the order to resign was issued.

"Everybody believes that the President is anxious to have the work in Panama done well and done quickly. He expects the members of the commission to come up to his expectations, and that the building of the great waterway shall go on without friction, without waste of money, and with the sole idea of securing the best results. That the work of the original board was not satisfactory must be set down as a fact by reason of the order given on Wednesday."—News.

### TOWNSEND

Mrs. Walter Hart visited Wilmington Wednesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Pritchard visited Delaware City Sunday.  
Miss Dresha, of near town, visited Philadelphia Wednesday.  
Miss Anna R. Lawson visited her home in Elsmere over Sunday.  
Mrs. Richard Hodgson and sons spent several days in Smyrna this week.  
Mrs. J. H. Hudson and daughter Helen visited Wilmington this week.  
Miss Ethelyn Maloney has returned to the Dover Academy after a week's vacation.  
Archie Finley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Emma Finley.  
Mrs. Winfield Lattonius entertained the Episcopalian Society on Tuesday evening.  
Miss Lena Staats, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Staats.  
Miss Anna Lawson, Miss Mary McFaul and Miss Anna Sharpless were in Wilmington City Sunday.

Mrs. Harmon Reynolds visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Beauchamp, in Harrington, this week.  
Miss Lena Baker has returned to her home in Dover after spending sometime with Mrs. Harmon Reynolds.  
Elmer Pritchard, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Pritchard over Sunday.  
George Outton and son Calvin returned to Philadelphia Monday after visiting their family here over Sunday.  
The Box Social given by the Usher's Union was well patronized by the young people of our town and vicinity. The bidding on the boxes was animated. The Ushers cleared about \$25. Proceeds to be used for a new bell for the church.

### DELAWARE M. E. CONFERENCE

DOVER, March 30th.—At yesterday's session of Delaware M. E. Conference (colored), Presiding Elder Cox of Cambridge district reported 620 conversions and 544 accessions during the year. Total membership, 3,989; value of church property, \$45,461. Presiding Elder N. W. Moore of Centreville district reported 678 conversions and 671 accessions.  
Presiding Elder A. R. Shockley, of Philadelphia district, reported 771 conversions and an increase in church property of \$99,000. He urged the establishment of homes for wayward colored girls.  
The afternoon session comprised a "quiet half day" for ministers, with personal experience talks and the holy communion.  
Epworth League anniversary was celebrated last night, with addresses by Bishop Berry and Dr. I. G. Penn of Atlanta, Ga.

At the second day's session of the Conference on Thursday something of a sensation was caused by the report of Presiding Elder J. H. Nutter, of the Wilmington district, in which he deplored the prevalence of camp-meetings during the summer months. He contended that they were, in a great measure, detrimental to the spiritual welfare of the Church.

### TAXES MUST BE PAID

LAUREL, March, 30th.—Laurel has a new dog ordinance which is original and unique and probably different from any in the nature of dog legislation ever enacted. The effort to enforce the collection of a dog tax has proved a dismal failure under all previous ordinances. The new law provides that any person owning or harboring a canine shall go before the aldermen and have it registered. Upon conviction of failure or refusal to register a dog the person owning or harboring it may be fined not exceeding \$10 or imprisoned not more than 30 days, or upon failure to pay such fine, may be compelled to work upon the streets of the town with ball and chain attached. The town fathers think they now have an ordinance which will reach the element of dog owners who have in former years evaded the payment of dog taxes.

### ST. GEORGES

Miss Maud Clark spent Saturday in Wilmington.  
Miss Sallie Laws is visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts.  
Mrs. W. K. Price was the guest of Mr. J. Cannon on Saturday.  
Miss Bulah Swartz spent last week with Samuel Lester and family.

Miss Hattie Carrow spent Wednesday with Miss Amanda Moore.  
Miss Bessie Jones spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Laura Jones.  
Miss Edna Lilly spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Newark.

Miss Hattie Carrow spent Saturday with William April and family.

Mr. Charles Pierce was the guest of James Taylor and family on Sunday.

Miss Violet Gray spent Saturday and Sunday with friends near Kirkwood.

Miss Sara Milligan was in Wilmington Saturday attending the Teachers' Institute.

Miss Katherine Swartz who has been away for the winter, returned home last week.

Miss Mollie Taylor has returned from Redding, on account of the illness of her mother.

Miss Ida Gray was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Albert Grimes, of Demacus, on Sunday.

Miss Susie King, of Kirkwood, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Thompson on Wednesday.

Mrs. Clarence Brinton, of New Jersey, was the guest of Harry Barnett and family last week.

H. C. Gray has opened a pool room and barber shop in what is known as the brick tavern.

Miss Helen Cox is spending sometime with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cox.

Mrs. Herbert Hopkins and son Herbert have returned from a two weeks' visit to friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. Miles Clark was called to Philadelphia on Friday last, owing to the illness of her son Ralph.

Mrs. James Moore and daughter Maybel were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cannon, on Saturday.

Mrs. William Todd and Mrs. Crompton, of Kirkwood, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Thompson, last week.

Miss Lucie Hill is spending a week with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baby, of London Grove, Pa.

Miss Bessie Phillips and Richard Moore spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Moore, of Avondale Farm.

Mrs. Margaret Jackson has returned to London Grove, Pa., after a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. George Hill.

Miss Bessie Hill has returned to her home in Kennedyville, Md., after a two weeks' visit with Harry Buckson and family.

Harry Hopkins who has been confined in the Delaware Hospital, returned home on Saturday, and is able to go about with the aid of crutches.

The Woman's Exchange has moved from the C. C. Club house to the office on the D. B. Stewart property, now occupied by William Janvier and family.

Grover Gray, of Dickinson College, preached in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. His sermons, both morning and evening, were very interesting and much appreciated.

Rev. O. L. Martin vacated the M. E. Parsonage on Wednesday, to make room for his successor, Rev. J. Brewington and family. Mr. Martin will now fill the pulpit at Somerset, Md.

### SASSAFRAS

Rev. Frank S. Cain was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ernest entertained their pastor, Rev. Frank S. Cain, on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. I. Harry Lowe, of Philadelphia, was entertained on Tuesday by Mrs. Alexander T. Laws.

Upon application of three of our citizens a State Traveling Library has been loaned to our public school.

Mrs. John F. Ernest and two sons were entertained on Sunday by her mother, Mrs. I. Gunkle, of Warwick.

Mrs. Caroline Johns has been entertaining her daughter, Mrs. I. Harry Lowe, of Philadelphia, for the past fortnight.

Meers, Robert Shallock and R. Spear, of Chestertown, visited Mr. Jacob T. Shallock, near town, for several days last week.

The linemen of the Delaware Telephone Company was in town on Tuesday repairing the wire destroyed by the recent storm.

Mrs. Frederick Gressart has some beautiful Easter lilies. Mrs. Gressart always sends her lilies to decorate St. Francis Xavier R. C. Church each year.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith entertained her nieces, Misses Neta and Anna Howarth and Miss Mabel Kennedy, all of Chester, Pa., from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. Louis Dreka is making a marked improvement to our town by cutting off the grove of trees near the creamery. The driveway is dark and dangerous at night.

The poultry and oyster supper held under the auspices of the Rebekah M. P. Church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith on Tuesday evening was a great success, both financially and socially. About \$45 was realized. There were about one hundred and fifty guests present, and a most delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

### DIVORCE IS COMMON

"That divorce has become common where formerly it was rare, and that there is in general a growing disregard for the sanctity of the marriage relation are facts of common knowledge. To just what extent these evils have spread and to what defects of law or of social condition their growth is attributable, is more conjecture. No accurate and comprehensive information on the subject is obtainable through statistics, for since 1886 no such statistics have been collected by the federal government, while but few of the states have paid any attention to the matter. President Roosevelt's recent message to congress asking that the director of the census be authorized to collect and publish such statistics covering the period from 1880 to the present time is therefore timely and of special value."—Ex.

### CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mr. Hugh Caldwell was in Marietta, Pa., over Sunday.  
Mrs. D. Palmer Boulden is in Elkton, where she will reside.

Mrs. Shipley, of Baltimore, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. S. M. Perry.

Mrs. Harry Manlove and daughter, Miss Linnie, were in Elkton Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Hallman, of Conference Academy, Dover, spent a week here.

Mrs. William Stubbs, Misses Ella and Alice Stubbs spent Saturday with friends here.

Mr. Harry Hedrick, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Harry Griffin.

Mr. Julian Biddle, of San Jose College, is the guest of his cousin, Mrs. G. S. Woolley.

Misses Mary Cummings and Esther Banks, of Tonne Institute, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Banks.

Mrs. Louise Griffith and son Joseph, of Middletown, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Griffith on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Buckworth, of Town Point, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Ross Watson.

One day last week Miss Mamie Bonchelle ruptured a blood vessel in her eye by striking it with a scarf pin.

Rev. Mr. Gallaher preached his first sermon in the M. E. Church on Sunday. He was entertained by friends.

A sale of household goods was held by Mr. Joel Kincaid last Tuesday afternoon, he having moved to Philadelphia.

The Town Commissioners have been moving the arc lights from the wires and placing them on arms extending from the poles.

Messrs. Reuben Herelov, Jones Johnson and Ralph Watson have returned to Cambridge, where they are employed by the Noskin Lumber Co.

Mr. John Beiswanger has moved from the bakery at the foot of Bohemia Avenue, to his private house on George street. Mr. Albert Beiswanger will continue business at the old stand.

Capt. John Wolf, of the barge "Albemarle," was thrown into the lock at St. Georges by the breaking of a pole with which he was shoving the ice away from the drop gate, breaking one rib and otherwise injuring himself.

### CECILTON

Rev. W. A. Conle is spending this week in Baltimore.

Walter Deputy has moved his family near Middletown.

Allie Pierce and wife spent Monday with James Pierce and wife.

Miss Emma Lusby has returned from visiting relatives in Germantown.

Miss Mollie Richards is spending a few days with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. William Brown is spending this week with relatives in Wilmington.

Misses Daisy Hoover and Kathryn Baris spent one day this week with relatives in Warwick.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stephens, of Elkton, is spending several days with relative in and near town.

J. Polke Steele and wife, of Chesapeake City, were entertained on Sunday by James T. Watts and wife.

William Money, wife and daughter Miss Mary, of Townsend, were the guests of James Pierce and wife on Sunday.

Aldred Hague and sister, Mrs. John Miles, of Trainer, have returned to their home after spending sometime with relatives in town.

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## BARNETT B

2.10 1/4—REGISTERED 37795

Brown Horse, foaled 1896 by Alcantara, 18880; dam Una, by John Goldsmith, 6222; grand dam Lady Philcox, by Major Edsall, 211, etc. Bred by C. M. Cochran; passed to J. W. Barnett, Middletown, Del.



A rare opportunity to breed to a perfect horse in every respect. Barnett B., 2.10 1/4 on half-mile track, weighs 1050 lbs., is perfectly sound in every respect. He has every point and every qualification that is needed in a Stallion to be a successful sire. Good breeding, perfectly made, grand manners, and as level a head as any horse that ever faced the wire; as game a horse as ever raced. He won last year over half-mile circuits, winning first right along, and shipped to Readville, Mass., and met the Grand Circuit horses, defeating them, and taking first money. Afterwards winning at Old Saybrook, Mass., 2.10, 2.10 1/2, 2.11, and the Boston papers declared him the best horse that had been seen in the East during the year in his class. The track is considered three seconds slow by all horsemen, showing that he could step in 2.06 or 2.07 on fast mile track at that time.

This horse will make the season at J. P. Cochran's, Jr., one mile West of Middletown, Del.

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### ODESSA

Miss Anna Morgan spent Monday with friends in Smyrna.

Miss Lulu Vinyard is visiting her brother in Middletown.

John Heldmyer, Jr., spent Monday and Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Roemer is entertaining Miss Helen Webb, of Port Penn.

Mrs. Scott Townsend is visiting at the home of Mr. George L. Townsend.

Miss M. Elizabeth Harper was a Wilmington visitor last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. George Croft, of Camden, N. J., is the guest of his parents, Mr. I. F. Croft and wife.

Miss Bertha Stevens left Thursday for a two weeks' visit with her sister in Medford, N. J.

Mr. Russell J. Morris, of Philadelphia, visited his sister, Mrs. J. M. Arters, part of last week.

Mrs. Schofield and grandson, of Still Pond, Md., are guests of her daughter, Mrs. H. V. Woodall.

The Ladies' Aid Society held its regular monthly meeting in the M. E. Church on Wednesday evening.

Charles H. Whorkman formerly of Odessa, but now of Philadelphia, was a visitor in town this week.

Mr. B. D. Coppage and little daughter, of Wilmington, spent Wednesday here with his mother, Mrs. G. E. Coppage.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias N. Moore entertained a number of their friends at their home "Fair View," near town, on Tuesday evening.

Harry Knotts who has been employed in Philadelphia for the past few months, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knott, near town.

O. S. Stevens, who has been spending the past months here with his mother, Mrs. E. S. Stevens, left Friday for a trip through the South.

## Styles For Spring

Easter, the glad season of birds and blossoms, when humdrum winter steps aside, is nearly here. Does not all that fashion beauty, blossoming out from end to end of the Women's Suit Department, proclaim unmistakably—Spring is here? Here with an array of the newest styles, the choicest fabrics, the most beautiful trimmings, so that the choosing of the new suit becomes a great pleasure. You can't impress on yourself too earnestly, the importance of getting your Easter Suit now. If alterations are to be made, there's ample time to have it all just right and in readiness. Do not put it off, thinking you will get a better assortment later on. Our lines are now complete. We study to help each customer make her selection. Can give her information as to materials and linings, if she wishes. We put our best thoughts on her individual case. Isn't it worth something to have the assistance of expert salespersons at your disposal, and nothing extra to pay for it?

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## The Middletown Transcript

**Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:**  
 North Bound—7:20, 7:45, 8:22 and 10:24 a. m.; 1:24, 1:47 and 3:58 p. m.  
 South Bound—7:20, 7:45, 8:22, 8:41, 9:19 and 11:38 a. m.; 4:45, 5:11 and 7:49 p. m.  
 Make these as follows:  
 Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:45 a. m., 3:50 p. m., 6:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.  
 Going South—8:40 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 9 p. m.  
 For Odessa—7:50 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:20 p. m.  
 For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9:20 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

**MIDDLETOWN, DEL. APRIL 1, 1905.**

### Local News.

Cold boiled ham gets it at Armstrong's.  
 If you want lamb chops get them at Armstrong's.  
 Deviled Crabs, at Middletown Restaurant & Supply Co.  
 Dr. W. E. Barnard, Dentist. Offices and residence adjoining the post office.  
 The attention of our readers is called to the new ad. of W. B. Hall in this issue.  
 Deviled Crabs, at Middletown Restaurant & Supply Co.  
 WANTED—Good fat Beef Cattle. ARMSTRONG'S GROCERY.  
 Deviled Crabs, at Middletown Restaurant & Supply Co.  
 A fine line of Easter goods at MONTGOMERY'S.  
**HORSE SHOEING**—Plain, 75 cents cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.  
 J. C. GREEN.  
 A full line of beef, lamb, veal and pork at ARMSTRONG'S.  
**FOR SALE**—1000 Chestnut Posts, 6 feet long. Apply to ROBERT E. WATERS.

If you want a real cutlet, roast or stew get it at ARMSTRONG'S.  
 If you want a kind of good mackerel, just received a hundred kits at ARMSTRONG'S.  
**FOR RENT**—Stable on West Main street. Possession given March 25th, next. Apply to THIS OFFICE.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John A. Jolls began housekeeping this week in one of the new dwellings recently erected on Cass street.  
**FOR SALE**—Green Mountain Seed Potatoes. T. R. BRADSHAW, Odessa, Del.

It is said by many people that Armstrong's sausage and scrapple is the best. Have you tried it? Get it at ARMSTRONG'S.  
 If you have poultry, butter and eggs to sell you want the highest cash price paid. Get it at ARMSTRONG'S.  
 Mr. E. S. Jones is having a room built in the rear of his barber shop by 12 feet, which will be a great convenience to the patrons of his shop.  
 After October 1st the library will be open on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 o'clock, P. M., and on Saturdays from 3 to 5 o'clock and 7 to 8:30 o'clock, P. M.

We will open our soda fountain to-day, and invite the public to visit our store and enjoy a refreshing drink.  
**LEE'S PHARMACY.**  
 Rugs, Matings, Furniture and Dishes. Checks given with all sales.  
 MRS. G. W. PETERSON.  
 NOW is the time to buy your Winter Coat at the lowest price for the year. We will supply you with the purest, best coat in the market.  
 G. E. HUKILL.

Money saved in buying shoes here. A good shoe for Ladies and Misses at 98 cents. Children's Shoes from 20 cents up.  
 MRS. G. W. PETERSON.  
**LOOK—OPERATORS WANTED** at the Middletown Shirt Factory. Good wages and steady work. Board can be secured reasonable. Apply to factory.  
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**RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS FOR SALE**—Selected from my best pen at \$1.50 per setting of 15, or \$5.00 per 100. Pen No. 2, \$1.00 per setting, or \$4.00 per 100. C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.  
**"THE HEN THAT SCRATCHES LAYS THE EGG THAT HATCHES."**—\$1.00 for 15 Rhode Island Reds, White, Buff and Barred Rocks, White Wyandottes, S. C. White and Black Leghorns. T. R. BRADSHAW, Odessa, Del.

If you will clip the coupons which will appear in our ad. during the month of April and bring them to our store between the 1st and 5th of May, you will receive a cash prize.  
 MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

Spring Millinery, ready-to-wear Hats, very pretty, from 50 cents to \$2.25. All the newest trimmed and untrimmed shapes at MRS. G. W. PETERSON'S.

**"The New Man,"** is the subject for Rev. Anna H. Shaw's lecture on April 13th, and every man in town, old or new, should hear her. We can assure all men that the speaker will interest and instruct them. The admission is free.

According to the report of Insurance Commissioner Marshall, the fire insurance premiums received during the year in Delaware amounted to \$478,970.56, while the losses paid amounted to \$197,462.37, and the losses incurred \$172,339.21.

**EGGS FOR HATCHING**—Single Comb Brown Leghorns seventy five cents per setting of 15 from my great laying strain. Send for circular and prices by the hundred. T. E. CLAYTON, Mr. Pleasant, Del.

I have taken the agency for the "I. X. L. Laundry," and it is my intention to collect and deliver all laundry promptly, and give the best possible service to all who favor me with their work.  
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**LAND LIME**—Wrightsville and Western Maryland Quality unsurpassed. Pines as low as the lowest. Don't delay ordering as there will be unavoidable delay in shipping. Let us have your orders early.  
 G. E. HUKILL.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 23d: Mrs. Frances Claton, William Clifton, B. T. Cooper, Mr. Herbert & Co., Lloyd F. Love, Daniel Postal, Eugene Thiridon, Ujean Wilson.

Dealers in cigars have been notified that on and after May 1st they will not be permitted to give away or sell empty cigar boxes. The only way in which dealers will be able to protect themselves will be to destroy the boxes the moment the last cigar is removed.

Please note! We are HEADQUARTERS for WOVEN PICKET FENCE, the lowest and best made fence in the market. Bark and Plain Wire, and Galvanized Corrugated Iron Roofing of Standard thickness, and the best quality. Prices as low as the lowest.  
 G. E. HUKILL.

If you care for good tender beef Steak get it at ARMSTRONG'S.  
 Leave your laundry at Jones' barber. The best of work and prompt service.  
 If you want to see the cleanest and best line of meats and groceries in town look at ARMSTRONG'S.  
 Vanilla, Chocolate and Strawberry Ice Cream at MONTGOMERY'S.  
 When you buy goods buy them as cheap as you can. Get them at ARMSTRONG'S.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers on Thursday evening: N. G., H. D. Howell; V. G., Ira W. Owens; Recording Secretary, Harry S. Beaten.  
 Miss Lily M. Scott will have her Spring Opening of Millinery on Wednesday, April 5th, and invites you to step in and inspect the many pretty designs. It is her study to help each customer make her selection.

Chancellor John R. Nicholson has appointed Mr. Albert L. Massey stenographer for the Court of Chancery, under the act passed at the recent session of the Legislature. The salary is \$600, and Mr. Massey's many Middletown friends will be glad to learn of his securing this responsible position.

Richard L. Naudain, President of the Farmers Creamery Co., recently by a visit to Wilmington secured a large order for butter from two of the largest hotels in Wilmington—The Hotel Wilmington, Fred Wetmore, prop., and A. L. Ainsworth, restaurant, which will dispose of the creamery more than 200 pounds a week.

The burning of brush heaps and other rubbish gives evidence that the gardeners are getting in their early spring work. A few of our progressive citizens have planted their garden seed and are hoping to be in the lead with their crops. The rains of the past week have much interfered with farm work and there is much activity in preparing for a busy season.

We have taken the agency for the Model and Cypress Incubators, and when we say all of the leading poultrymen of the country are using the Cypress, we are only saying what many in this community know is true. Would be glad to have you call and look them over. Call or write to catalogue.  
 J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

Peach trees, 7-16 inch, or No. 1, at 3 cts. each; 1 inch, or medium size, at 2 1/2 cts. each; and 1/2 inch, or No. 2, at 1 1/2 cts. each. Also Pear, Apple, Plum and Cherry trees. Elberta alone one cent each higher. All trees guaranteed. These trees kept dormant for planting safely as late as May 15th, if not sold earlier.  
 R. S. JONES.

In the course of another week the locks of the Delaware and Chesapeake canal will be the scene of much business. Herring have put in an appearance and the warm weather and clear river will cause more to come soon. Then will follow the glut when 60,000 a day will be hauled out. Traders and farmers will then have a chance to get fish at a lower rate. Farmers sat down thousands of herring so they will be used the following winter.

The Post Office Department has decided that rural mail delivery patrons must secure "approved" mail boxes. Carriers will not be allowed to deposit mail matter in ordinary home-made wooden or other make-shift boxes. This decision was likely brought about by the fact that many persisted in using the most ordinary sort of boxes, in many cases not fit to receive mail matter, and certainly not creditable to the service. While others provided decent, and in some cases most excellent, boxes, the inspectors likely found it difficult to draw the line between the good and bad, hence, the decision that all boxes must be of the "approved" metal class.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson, announces the opening of a dental office, in West Main Street, Middletown, Delaware. During the past two years Dr. Johnson has been a specialist in Operative Dentistry in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., and for six years previous to that time, commanded a large general practice in Smyrna, Del. It is now his desire to give to the people of this community the benefit of his experience and skill, maintaining the same high standard of service, that has characterized his work elsewhere. The most up-to-date and approved methods will be used to render all operations painless, and the equipment such, that he will be able to compete with the best dental offices in the larger cities, both in price and quality of service rendered.

Delaware canners are now arranging to make the contracts with the farmers of this State to grow thousands of acres of corn and tomatoes during the coming season. The seed for the sugar corn has been purchased and will be furnished to the farmers so that none but the best corn will be grown for canning purposes. During the past few years the farmers of this section have discovered that it pays better to grow corn for canning purposes than to follow in the rut of farming years ago. In addition to getting good prices for the corn the farmers obtain good returns by getting the cobs and fodder. Mr. J. B. Baker requested us to state that he will be in Middletown on the 6th or 8th of April to meet the farmers and talk over contracting for corn for this season's pack.

**Crushed out Workman's Life**  
 SEAFORD, DEL., March 30th.—Perry Johnson met with a horrible death here to-day. While moving a dwelling house, he was crushed beneath the building. As he was placing a board in position under the house, one of the rollers slipped from its place, causing the building to drop with a crash and crushing out the life of the unfortunate man. Fellow workmen dug his body out, the entire upper portion of which was crushed and his neck was broken. He leaves a wife and three children.

**FARMER'S ATTENTION**  
 We are now prepared to fill all orders for High Grade Fertilizers for Spring Planting. Also Seed Oats from our warehouse, Middletown, Del.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

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### PERSONALITIES

Miss Ada Lockwood is spending some time in Atlantic City.  
 Miss Nora Armstrong was a Wilmington visitor on Tuesday.  
 Miss Florie Owens is the guest of relatives in Perryville, Md.  
 Miss Martha Heaton is being entertained by Philadelphia friends.  
 Miss Estella Saydam, of Wilmington, spent Sunday at her home here.  
 Miss Mae Buehm has returned from a short visit with Wilmington friends.

Mrs. Sarah Houston is spending some time with relatives in Baltimore, Md.  
 Mrs. George Hall and little girl, of Philadelphia, were in town over Sunday.

Mrs. Kate Vallandigham, of Wilmington, was in town several days during the past week.  
 Rev. C. T. Wyatt, wife and mother left on Thursday for their new home in Wilmington.

Miss Katharine Pennington, of Wilmington, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Grace H. Parvis.  
 Mr. Hugh C. Browne, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his family at the home of Mrs. H. V. Parvis.

Miss Reba Hall, of Wilmington, was the guest of her uncle, Mr. J. P. McIntyre, several days this week.  
 Miss Lily A. Carty has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Port Penn and Delaware City.

Miss Mame Thompson, of Chester, Md., was the guest of Mrs. Joseph Parsons, several days this week.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Price several days this week.

Mrs. Katherine Naudain and daughter, Miss Helen, are guests of her daughter, Mrs. O. G. Goodhand, in New York City.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mendinall, and children, of Wilmington, were guests of her father, Mr. C. P. Cochran, over Sunday.

Mr. Harry Downey who has been employed in Wilmington for several years, has accepted a position with Mr. E. S. Jones.

Mrs. Frank Virden and daughter have returned to their home in Kenton after spending several days with her aunt, Mrs. M. B. Burris.

### SIMPERS GUILTY OF MURDER

**Did Not Take the Jury at Elkton Long to Agree Upon a Verdict**  
 After deliberating less than an hour, a jury at Elkton last Thursday afternoon found John Simpers guilty in the first degree of the murder of Albert Constable, a widely known and highly respected lawyer of that town. Simpers was remanded to the custody of Warden Weyer of the state penitentiary, to be turned over to the sheriff of Cecil county at such time as Governor Warfield may set for the hanging of Simpers.

Closing arguments were made all of Thursday in the case, which was given to the jury without a charge from the court. State's Attorney Squier of Cecil county and State's Attorney Owens of Baltimore opened for the state and Mr. Strahorn and Mr. Milikin pleaded before the jury in the behalf of Simpers. The closing argument for the state was made by Attorney-General Bryan, of Baltimore.

Throughout it all Simpers was as calm and as composed as ever, and frequently made suggestions to his pleading counsel. The case was given to the jury about 4:15 o'clock, and a few minutes after 5 the jurors filed in with their verdict of guilty in the first degree. They took but one formal poll to determine the verdict, which carried with it the death penalty.

Warden Weyer, who had been sitting near Simpers, immediately took charge of him, and with Deputy Warden Riggins and Detectives Weaver and Dougherty took Simpers back to Baltimore on the train leaving Elkton at 5:51 o'clock.

Simpers already is serving a sentence of eight years for horse stealing, but that will not interfere with the present sentence being carried out. Under the Maryland law Governor Warfield has the pardoning power as well as the fixing of the date for execution, and the mere fixing of the date is sufficient.

Patrolmen Fox and Conner of Wilmington who arrested Simpers, have lodged a claim with State's Attorney Squier of Cecil county, for a share of the reward offered for the arrest of Mr. Constable's murderer. They arrested Simpers on Front street on a charge of stealing a horse, carriage and some harness. While Simpers was not known at the time to have been the murderer, it was through his arrest by the Wilmington police that the crime was fastened on Simpers later.

### CHURCH NOTES

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "The Making of a Christian; His Food." John 6:47-58; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; John 6:47-58; Leader, O. M. Matthews, President.

The Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, Ph. D., officiated for the first time in Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday, to which charge he was assigned by the Wilmington M. E. Conference at its recent session in Wilmington. Rev. Lightbourne was formerly stationed at Epworth Church, in Wilmington, and succeeded the Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., who was assigned to Harrison Street Church in Wilmington. The new minister is a fluent speaker with a powerful voice, and those who heard him expressed themselves as being well pleased. The Church was crowded at both services. In the morning the Rev. Lightbourne took for his theme, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit."

A reception was tendered the new pastor and his good wife at the parsonage last evening, which was a source of much gratification and encouragement to the pastor, and with the co-operation of the members of Bethesda Church, this should be one of the most successful years in the history of that edifice.

**Teachers Want to Use Rod**  
 DOVER, DEL., March 30th.—Delegations are being formed to visit Governor Lea and make protest against the bill prohibiting corporal punishment in the public schools of the state. This is the bill introduced by Senator Thomas C. Moore, a physician of Smyrna, and some of the opposition to the measure is originating in Senator Moore's own district.

### PRIZES FOR ESSAYS

**Will be Given to School Children for Writing on Temperance**

Mrs. J. Milligan, superintendent of the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction of Investigation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Delaware, has decided to offer a series of valuable prizes for the best essays upon the subject, to be written by the grammar and high school pupils of the public schools of the state. In every state in the union there is now a mandatory law, requiring this study which gives the effect of alcohol and narcotics upon the human system should be taught and in order to create new interest and enthusiasm, several prizes are offered.

The first prize is a six months' course at Goldie College, in either stenographic or commercial department. Another prize is a Bradford Model A 1905 Bicycle, presented by T. C. Bradford. Another is a handsome gold clock, presented by Lyn Thomas. Another, a ten dollar gold piece, presented by Ashton R. Tatum.

A fifty dollar prize is also offered to Delaware College for the best oration upon this theme. This is to be the clergy-men's prize.  
 Letters of highest commendation from Dr. Harter, president of Delaware College, Professor DeBosch, and Dr. Boon, have been received; also from Professor Twitmyer and Professor Berlin, of the Wilmington schools, Professor Spaid, of New Castle county, Professor John D. Brooks, of Sussex county and many others.

**GLASGOW STORE ROBBED**  
 While Samuel Ahrichs, a dealer in general supplies was eating his dinner, the other day at noon, a thief quietly sneaked into the store and stole all the money from his safe. This act was done so deftly and quickly that only a person who had mapped out his plans very carefully beforehand could have accomplished it. The booty amounted to twenty-one \$1 notes, five \$2.00 notes, one \$5 note and \$50 in Pennsylvania Railroad orders. This was a total loss of \$86.

The general opinion of the neighborhood is that Frank K. Maharty, who runs a blacksmith shop across the road from the store is the guilty one. Many circumstances point to this conclusion. Maharty has been in very grave need of money as his shop lately has not been doing a rushing business. This caused him to brood over his troubles and it is believed finally led him to commit this crime. His landlord was pushing him for rent amounting to \$11 and his promise to pay another claimant of \$25 was causing him much worry. He was seen watching the store and also entering it a short time before the robbery was discovered. He was seen in Glasgow as late as Friday noon but has since disappeared leaving no clue as to his whereabouts.

His brother, Howard Maharty is awaiting a trial in the county workhouse on the charge of highway robbery. Every effort is being made to apprehend Maharty.

### CONSTABLES APPOINTED

Before going into session, Tuesday morning, the Levy Court met several property holders and attorneys in relation to assessment appeals. Later, the Republican members, Messrs. Hopkins, McFarlin, Logue and Brown, went into caucus for the selection of constables. The caucus was held in the office of Comptroller Chandler and resulted in the following selections, which were confirmed later in open meeting:

Wilmington—Lucius C. Jones, Charles Barnes, Charles F. Bowers, Thomas H. Buckley.  
 Christiansburg—A. A. Price.  
 Mill Creek—Jacob Johnson.  
 White Clay Creek—John L. Frick.  
 Red Lion—Frank L. Cleaver.  
 St. Georges—John Dickinson.  
 Pencader—Joseph Laws.  
 Appoquinimink—Nathaniel W. Van Horn.

Brandywine hundred was left vacant for the present, on account of Governor Lea having the matter in hand. This office is created by special act, making it a special constableness, with power all over the county. Constable Charles Green is the applicant for the office.

### A SCHEME THAT FAILED

A stranger appeared in Newark, Wednesday and tried to "Chadwick" the National Bank of that town. He visited the bank and presented a check book on a bank in Pennsylvania, which showed deposits amounting to \$11,000. He then presented his personal draft to Joseph H. Hossinger, Jr., cashier of the bank, for \$1,000, and deposit it for collection.

Mr. Hossinger gave him a receipt for the draft, after which he tried to get \$20 as a loan from the bank. Mr. Hossinger refused to accommodate him and became suspicious. He telephoned the bank in Pennsylvania and was informed that the man was an impostor. Mr. Hossinger was requested to get the bank book away from him. In a short time Mr. Hossinger found the man and made him give up the receipt for the draft.

The stranger was arrested by Constable Murray and when arraigned before Magistrate King was given 15 minutes to leave the town. He left in haste.

### WANT TRAINS AT FARNHURST

Members of the Board of Trustees of the Poor are considering the advisability of petitioning the officials of the Delaware division, of the P. B. & W. Railroad, that the Norfolk express train which leaves the French street station at 10:58 o'clock in the morning stop at Farnhurst station on the days the board has its meeting at the county hospital. This is always on the last Wednesday in the month and it is believed that the railroad company would not be averse to allowing the train to stop at Farnhurst to accommodate the trustees. It would be a great convenience for the members, as at present they have to get to the hospital by trolley or drive all the way from Wilmington. The 4 o'clock train is stopped to bring them home and they think the railroad company could without inconvenience or loss of time stop the morning train.

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### CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.  
 CONTRACTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.  
 Wheat—No. 1 \$1.05 Corn—  
 No. 2 1.02 Yellow, shelled 50  
 Timothy Seed \$2.65  
 Clover Seed \$1.01 Oats—  
 Middletown Produce Market.  
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 Eggs, per doz. 146-16  
 Country Butter, per lb. 37-37  
 Creamery Butter, per lb. 37-37  
 Lard, per lb. 86-10  
 Live Chickens, per lb. 12-16  
 Potatoes, per basket. 25-35

### WARWICK

Mrs. J. R. H. Price spent Monday in town.  
 Preaching at the M. P. Church to-morrow at 10:30 o'clock.  
 Town people are now preparing their gardens for planting vegetables.  
 K. B. Merritt, Jr., was on a business trip to Wilmington last Wednesday.  
 Quite a number of fish dealers have passed through town during the past week.

Messrs. Amos Wilson, E. E. Marsh and Powell F. Johns were in Elkton on Wednesday.  
 Miss Eva Holden has returned home after a short visit with Chesapeake City friends.

Miss Daisy Hoover, of Cecilton, visited her sister, Mrs. J. R. Smith, last Wednesday.  
 Mr. John Holden and wife were the guests of Mr. James Savin, near Bunker Hill, on Sunday.

Messrs. W. W. and H. C. Aikin, of Middletown, were brief callers in town on Sunday last.  
 Rev. Frank S. Cain and wife will start on Monday next for the Maryland Annual Conference.

William J. Lofland was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Manlove, near Middletown last Saturday.  
 Miss Ethel Vineyard was the guest of her cousin, Miss Edna V. Stephens from Saturday until Tuesday.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., meets every Wednesday evening in Merritts Hall at 7 o'clock.  
 Mrs. Arabella Piser who has been threatened with pneumonia, is very much better at this writing.

Miss Manie Merritt was compelled to leave school Monday. It is thought she had a slight attack of paralysis.  
 Rev. W. W. Whitely and wife, who are spending a few days with friends in town.

Washington Camp, No. 8, was well represented in No. 9, camp room last Friday evening in Middletown, Del.  
 Mr. Frank Sullivan who has been confined to his room for sometime with the rheumatism is slowly convalescing.

George P. Staats who has been at the National Hotel for the past year, has moved back to his home on Wilson street.  
 Mrs. M. A. Lofland was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Manlove, near Middletown, from Wednesday until Saturday.

Junior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All the members are requested to be present.  
 Miss Bessie W. Gunkle has returned home after an extended visit with Baltimore, Washington, Westminster and Philadelphia friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Lofland who were the guests of Mrs. M. A. Lofland and her daughter, returned to their home in Philadelphia on Monday.  
 After a severe winter the snow has disappeared and the wheat has an excellent color and growing rapidly, the roads are in excellent shape and the farmer has begun his year's work.

Mr. Joseph Sullivan was in town Wednesday, it being the first time since January, he being compelled to remain indoors on account of rheumatism.  
 The regular monthly social and business meeting of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Merritt last Thursday evening.

The Italians who moved in town some time ago to resume work on the trolley road are still at their leisure. The foreman claims that unless work was resumed he was going to move his men to Pennsylvania. He claims that the illness of Mr. W. B. Polk is the cause of not beginning work on Monday last.

Mr. Powell Johns has moved from the property on corner of Main and Wilson streets to the property on Elk street, recently purchased by his son, J. W. Johns. Mr. Elwood Williams moved to a farm near Port Penn. J. R. Merritt, Jr., of Goldsboro, and Mr. A. D. Short moved to a farm near Newark, Del., it being about the all changes that were made the twenty-fifth.

### CONTRACTS AWARDED

Superintendent Blackburn of the hospital presented his report Wednesday morning to the Trustees of the Poor. For the month of March the total population has been 203, apportioned as follows: White, men, 45; men, 126; colored, women, 12; men, 18; and children, 2. The number of deaths during the month was 10, as follows: William H. Cross, Willard Zwald, Annie Cloven, George Buckner, William Hinson, Eliza Johnson, colored, George Elake colored, Henry Robinson colored, and Calvin Jackson, colored, all of Wilmington, and Louise Colgan of Harrington, Del.

The report of outside relief is as follows: Brandywine hundred, \$48.20; Christiansburg, \$38.80; New Castle hundred, \$83.49; Mill Creek hundred, \$35.50; White Clay hundred, \$76.18; Red Lion, \$95.00; St. Georges, \$205.78; Pencader, \$35.50; Appoquinimink, \$71.32; Blackbird hundred, \$329.05; Wilmington hundred, northeastern district, \$1806.55; northwestern district, \$357.24; southwestern district, \$844.55; southwestern district \$801.95; Wilmington, total, \$3,801.89 grand total, \$5745.79.

The Trustees inspected with approval the new surgical room recently added and during the afternoon session opened bids for the supplies and awarded contracts for the same for the next three months. This meeting in addition to being the regular monthly meeting of the trustees is the quarterly as well.

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